Then & Now

Frances H. Paulette

NOTE: My story this week is a mixture of fact and faction; using imaginary characters, I wrote a story incorporating the facts about the Appomattox "Depot". This information was given to me by one of my former schoolteachers, Miss Nora Burkey, now retired. Thank you, Miss Burkey for sharing your notes about Appomattox THEN.

"THE DEPOT"

It was late afternoon and Mr. Worthington rounded the bend to his house with a bit more speed than usual. He was late for dinner and Mrs. Worthington would be more than a bit "teed off" to say the least. He had forgotten until a few minutes earlier that it was the first Thursday of the month. First Thursdays meant Ladies Aid Society Meetings and tonight they "Hen Party" as Henry Worthington dubbed the little group (only to himself, of course) I was meeting here with his wife, Martha.

Quickly, Henry unhitched the horse from his new surry; he was really glad he made the decision to get the new surry. He had really made an impression with the guys down at the "Depot". The fringe on top was longer than any fringe on any other surry in the small community. For Henry something like this was important. He always enjoyed his regular trips to the "Depot" but with the new surry, he was sure to be the center of attention.

Henry Worthington knew what was coming when he went inside the house. He was exactly right. Martha was anxious to get the evening meal over so she could clear the table and fix the lemonade she was planning to serve with homemade cookies she had made earlier in the day. Then, if she didn't have too many interruptions she just might have time to "pretty up" her hair a bit with the curling iron before the ladies began arriving.

"If that Henry hadn't killed so much time talking down at the Depot' I wouldn't be in such a dither now", thought Martha Worthington as she hurried about doing her chores. He was no different from all the other men in the community, sneaking off to the 'Depot' every chance he got!

While Martha is tidying up her home and curling her hair for the Society Meeting, let's take a look at the "Depot" back THEN - - -

It was in the year of 1852 that the first railroad station was built through the county of Appomattox. It was called the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Ohio Railroad. The first passenger train went through Appomattox enroute to Reandan in November of 1852. At that time the engine was fired with wood; the wood was cut, hauled, and stacked along the tracks. Some time later the railroad was renamed the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad; today it is the Norfolk and Western.

In some notes belonging to Miss Nola Burkey we find, "According to the late Nathaniel Gregory, the first railroad station was just a boxcar. Some time later a station 'proper' was built."

"The Depot", as the railroad station was called, was burned by Grant's Army on Saturday, April 8, 1865. It was replaced by another frame building which also burned; the present building was constructed after the last fire.

For a great many years the "Depot" was very likely the most important building in what is now the town of Appomattox. In fact, there were only a few other houses in the area.

In the early nineties, the residents of Appomattox County living outside of the village spoke of going to the "Depot." This was evidently a carry-over from the days when the railroad station (depot) was the main attraction.

According to records loaned me by Miss Burkey, Mr. Gregory told of seeing a stage coach, pulled by horses, taking passengers from the "Depot" to the county seat approximately two miles away.

Although it may be true that little is known about the very first people who lived near the "Depot", we can be sure of one thing; with the coming of the railroad, more and more people began settling nearby.

Several prominent Appomattox ladies remember going to the "Depot" on Sunday afternoon to watch the train go by. It was quite the thing to have your picture taken on the steps of the train with your special 'beau', of course!

—So go along to the "Depot", Henry Worthington; leave your wife in peace with her Ladies Aid Society. Somehow or other, I'll bet some of those ladies would have preferred a trip to the "Depot"!!

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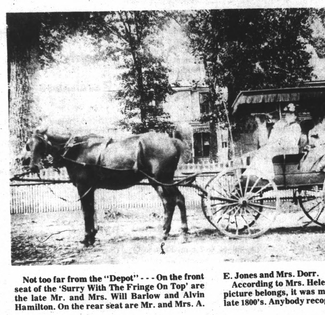


Not too far from the "Depot" - - - On the front seat of the 'Surry With The Fringe On Top' are the late Mr. and Mrs. Will Barlow and Alvin Hamilton. On the rear seat are Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones and Mrs. Dorr. According to Mrs. Helen Gunter to whom the picture belongs, it was most likely taken in the late 1800's. Anybody recognize the street?

ST. LUKE

Even though on Sunday, August 5, 1978 there was rain and then sunshine, it was a glorious occasion for the St. Luke Baptist Church in the celebration of their 1st homecoming after the burning of the mortgage. The Rev. A. D. Nance of the Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md. and two bus loads of his church members and choirs were present to asist in this service.

Rev. J. E. McLaughlin, the pastor, gave the morning message. His subject was "Perfect Assurance." This was well taken. The Junior Choir gave the music.

The offering for the morning was good with contributions from a crowded house of members and friends and a large group on the outside.

A bountiful lunch was served by the ladies of the church. The lunch was enjoyed by all attending, visitors and friends.

The Rev. A. D. Nance and his singing groups were in charge of the 3 p.m. services. All seven of his singing groups were present and had the crowded amazed by the wonderful music coming from each of the groups. The spirit was high. This was a great feature. The Rev. and Mrs. Nance's daughter, Mrs. Andrewnette Davis headed one of the singing groups.

Rev. Nance gave the evening message. His subject was God's Man and God's Message. All were much moved by this great message. He was the evangelist for the week. On Monday the Great Free Springs Baptist Church Choir pastor and deacons were present. The subject of Rev. Nance's sermon was "Tragedies in the Church"; Tues.- "Warming by the Devil's Fire"; Wed - "Snake Bite in the Church"; Thurs. - "The Trouble on the Inside"; Fri. - "The Master Has Come and He Calls For Thee". These were great messages. Four persons were converted by baptism; two by restoration. This brought the first homecoming and revival after the mortgage burning into history.

Rev. and Mrs. Nance were the week's guests in the home of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada.

Rev. J. E. McLaughlin was the dinner guest with the Nances in the home of the C. H. Canadas on Thursday.

Mrs. Ardelia Stokes was also a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Armistead and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada.

Rev. Nance, Rev. McLaughlin and Deacon Canada enjoyed fishing together while they had a little time on hand between hours for services.

Mrs. Eva Hamlettte is spending some time in the home of Mrs. Grace Walden Sunday visitors in the same home were Mrs. Bessie Marshall and his two daughters, Miss Symatha and Shirley Marshall.

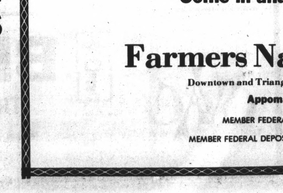
Mr. Mustain Jr. Haskins was a visitor in the home of his sisters, Mrs. Cathrine Tweedy, Mrs. Margaret Scott and Mrs. Vivian Banks; also Mr. and Mrs. Chas H. Canada, his uncle and aunt.

The St. Luke Church and pastor are making plans to go to Baltimore for the third Sunday in September to their revival. Rev. J. E. McLaughlin will be the evangelist for the week.

Miss Remona Canada visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Canada for the week.

Mr. Wesley S. Canada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Canada, was married Sunday, August 13, in Savannah, Ga. He and his bride plan to visit his parents around August 15.

Mrs. Catherine Tweedy is spending some time in the home of her brother, Mr. Mustain Haskins of Brooklyn, N.Y.



SEVEN TOED CAT GROWS UP - About six years ago there was a picture of a little seven-toed kitten in the TIMES-VIRGINIAN, SOME OF YOU MAY REMEMBER THIS KITTEN. On Wednesday of last week, Mr. Berkley Garrett of Route 4, Appomattox came by with "Huey", the seven-toed cat. Huey now weighs a little over twenty pounds and still has his seven toes.

Pamplin

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cash and Mrs. Alice Cash Adams attended the Cash reunion in Amherst last Sunday.

Mr. Joe Jurney and family, of Danville, spent last week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams.

Pamplin Homemakers Club will hold their annual picnic for members, family and friends on Thursday, August 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Fire House.

Mrs. Barry Austin and son, Kevin, of Richmond, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumbey, last week.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dudley last week were Mr. Dudley's sister and brothers, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Spicer and family, of Annadale, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dudley, of Adelphia, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley and Will, of Luray.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell last week were Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Thompson, Araret, Va.; G. G. Maxwell, Jr. and son, David, Claxton, Ga.; Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Maxwell and son, Billy, of Pageland, S.C.

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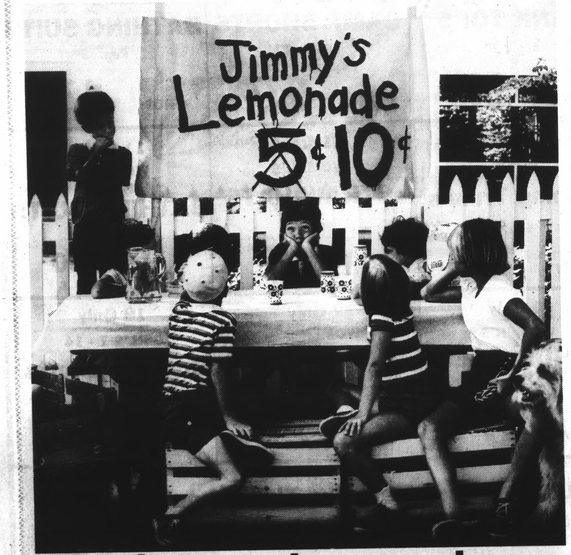

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ASCS TODAY

By Tom Conrad

USDA Releases Data On Grain Storage Capacity Survey - There are facilities to store more than 16.9 billion bushels of grain in the United States, according to a preliminary report of a survey conducted by two agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Preliminary survey results for Virginia showed total storage capacity of 81,207,000 bushels, with 51,210,000 bushels of on-farm storage and 29,997,000 bushels of off-farm commercial storage. The survey showed on-farm storage capacity of 37,554,000 bushels for shelled corn, oilseeds, and other grains; 7,938,000 bushels for permanent ear corn storage and 5,730,000 bushels for wet storage for high moisture grain in Virginia.

The total U.S. grain storage capacity as of April 1, 1978 includes 9.9 billion bushels on-farm and 7 billion bushels off-farm commercial storage. On-farm storage includes 8.1 billion bushels for present ear corn storage and 0.7 billion bushels for wet storage of high moisture grain.

The on-farm total includes the 665 million bushels of storage built by farmers since the beginning of 1977 under the farm storage facility loan program operated by ASCS.

On-farm storage data were gathered by ASCS. Commercial facilities were surveyed jointly by ASCS and USDA's Economics, Statistics and Cooperative Service.

Crop Conditions - According to the Virginia Crop Reporting Service the condition of corn throughout the state remains good to excellent. Some localities are experiencing army worm infestations and are unable to spray because of wet fields. From reports that I have heard, corn in Appomattox County is mostly good. If your stand of corn is questionable due to national disaster (hail, army worms, grasshoppers, etc.) and the farm is participating in the Set-Aside Program you may want to check out our low yield disaster payment program. For additional information, call or drop by the ASCS office. The Crop Reporting service reports that Flue-Cured Tobacco pulling has moved to 6 percent pulled, still behind the 1977 progress of 13 percent pulled by this date and the five-year average progress of 14 percent.

Fire-Cured cutting has started but progress is well below 1 percent compared with 2 percent in 1977 and 1 percent usually.

Agricultural Conservation Program - Farmers that are signed up under the Agricultural Conservation Program for seeding and/or liming and fertilizing practices are asked to submit soil samples if you have not already done so. Cost-share requests that require soil samples cannot be reviewed until the soil sample has been submitted and analyzed.

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Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Cards - Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Cards are ready for use. When you are ready to market your tobacco you may stop by the ASCS office to pick up your card.

TOPS NEWS

Twelve members attended the last meeting of the TOPS Club and there was a loss of 22¼ pounds and no gains.

The program was on emotions and eating.

Sue Martin is leader of the local TOPS Club and anyone interested should get in contact with her or call Margaret Lockner, co-leader, at 352-5364.

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MRS. MOSES RAISES GOOD GARDEN

Mrs. Irvin C. Moses who has passed her 82nd birthday is quite a gardener as evidenced by the unusually large tomatoes she is holding. Except for the plowing, Mrs. Moses cares for her garden without help. She is proud of the yield of her labor which includes onions, okra, beets, cucumbers, corn, string beans, cabbage, squash and of course, tomatoes.

Mrs. Moses has one tomato vine that has produced a tomato weighing two pounds and approximately a dozen weighing one pound or more.

In addition to caring for her garden, Mrs. Moses does all of her housework, canning, and freezing without help.

On her recent visit to the TIMES-VIRGINIAN office Mrs. Moses said, "I am so thankful for all the many things our dear Heavenly Father gives us from day to day including health and strength. Still, some of us are meaner than the old devil!

Hollywood

A Baptismal Service will be held for the candidates of the Hollywood Church Revival at Kedron Baptist Church at Gladys, Va. Sunday morning, August 20, at 11 o'clock by Rev. D. L. Bailey, pastor of the church.

Sunday School at Hollywood Church will be held at 6:30 Sunday evening, August 20, followed by preaching at 7:30 o'clock. The speaker will be Rev. Daniel Menser, of Arvonia, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. David Austin and Janet attended the 40th wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Collins, Jr. in Dalesville, Va. Saturday afternoon.

Deepest sympathy is extended the family of Mr. Alfred Coleman in the loss of their loved one.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Torrence Friday evening were were Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mrs. J. L. Torrence. Mrs. Torrence celebrated Mrs. Covington's and her husband, Elliott's, birthdays with a delightful dinner.

We were very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Herbert Abbitt; Mr. Sam Ferguson and Mr. Billy Brown. We pray each may soon be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson, William and April were dinner guests Sunday of the W. H. Wingfields. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Sheets visited in this home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tucker, of Lynchburg, were visitors Sunday afternoon of the Thomas Waddells.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond's children visited them Sunday.

A large crowd attended the family reunion of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nat Morris Sunday at the Woodman of the World Building in Appomattox.

Mrs. Thelma Martin was a visitor Sunday afternoon of Miss Odelle Webb at the L. L. Webb family. We are sorry Miss Webb is on the sick list and pray she may soon be feeling better.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and family Sunday night were Mr. Billy Ferguson, of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Huskey, of Buckingham, were visitors Sunday night of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Davis and family.

Mrs. W. T. Austin spent Thursday and Friday night with Mrs. J. L. Torrence. Mrs. Covington is spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman.

Mrs. Claude Hamlett, of Hurt, spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Virgie Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deaner visited Mrs. Joan Mayberry and family and Mrs. Lucy Deaner in Newport News during the week end. Miss Dawn Deaner returned home with them Sunday after spending a week in Newport News visiting with her.

We are glad Mr. Walter Wingfield is feeling somewhat better after being off from work a week with his back.

Mr. Richard Webb visited Mr. H. W. Jenkins Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield, of Roanoke, spent the week end in Appomattox. They visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

Mr. Harry Randall has returned to her home in Douglas, Wy after visiting her mother, Mrs. Iva Covington and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Torrence, Zane and little friend visited Mrs. J. L. Torrence Sunday afternoon.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman last week were Mrs. Jessie Chernault and daughter, Evelyn, and Mrs. Annie Garrell, Mr. Bobby Smith visited in this home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Miss Joyce Webb were visitors Thursday night of the W. H. Wingfields and Mrs. Mary Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Franklin visited their mother, Mrs. Mattie C. Franklin at the Camelot Hall Home in Lynchburg Sunday.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Bagby Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa and Walter Wingfield. Others visiting in this home during the week were Mrs. M. L. Covington, Katherine and Julia Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Almond and Mrs. Delorious Deaner.

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